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DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES OF CANCER FROM LOWER CALIFORNIA, AND ADDITIONAL NOTE ON SESARMA.*

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In a collection of Crustacea from Lower California recently sent to the U. S. National Museum by Mr. A. W. Anthony, of San Diego, California, are two specimens of *Cancer* which cannot be referred to any known species.

Cancer anthonyi Rathbun, new species.

Resembles *C. antennarius* Stimpson. Carapace wider than in *antennarius*, and more convex, especially in the posterior half. Elevated portions of the gastric, branchial, and hepatic regions coarsely granulate. Front narrower than in *antennarius*. Median supraorbital tooth less prominent than in that species. Antennæ shorter.

Antero-lateral teeth nine, including the orbital; broader and less projecting than in antennarius; margins denticulate; second to eighth tooth, inclusive, having the posterior margins about twice as long as the anterior; first to sixth tooth, inclusive, obtuse; last three teeth with short, sharp tips, directed forward. Posterior margin with two faint emarginations; in antennarius this margin has a well marked tooth.

Suborbital margin with three teeth besides the postorbital; from the median tooth a sharp ridge extends obliquely backward and outward. Outer maxillipeds longer and narrower than in *antennarius*; merus oblong, anterior margins slightly oblique.

The dark color on the fingers extends the entire length of the prehensile margins and less than half the length of the outer margins; in *antennarius*, more than half the length of the outer margins.

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Carpal and propodal joints of the ambulatory legs almost naked. Dactyli with six longitudinal sulci, two superior, two inferior, one anterior and one posterior; in *antennarius* there are eight sulci, three superior, three inferior, one anterior, and one posterior.

Color, brownish red. Lower surface and legs much less hairy than in antennarius.

Dimensions.— \emptyset : Length, 42.4; width, 65; exorbital width, 18.2 mm. \emptyset : Length, 35; width, 51; exorbital width, 15 mm.

Type locality.—Playa Maria Bay, west coast of Lower California; A. W. Anthony, collector; $1 \circlearrowleft$, $1 \circlearrowleft$ (U. S. Nat. Mus., No. 19856).

NOTE ON SESARMA.

Sesarma equatorialis Ortmann, Zoöl. Jahrb., Syst., VII, Heft 5, 722, pl. xxiii, f. 14, 1894, Ecuador, should be added to the list of species of Sesarma on pages 89-91 of these Proceedings. As Heft 5 of vol. VII is not contained in the library of the Smithsonian Institution, I am unable to supply the characters of this species.